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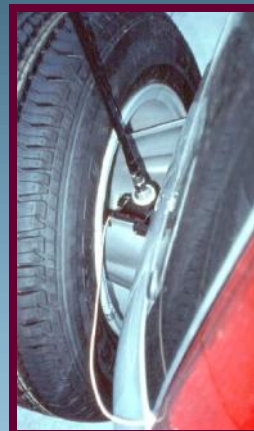
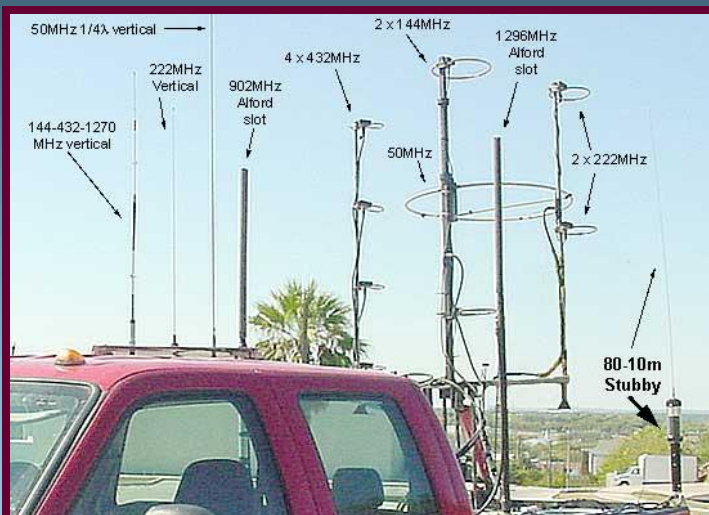
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Mobile HF



Give it a try!

Message From The President

Amateur radio is a fantastic hobby and it is interesting to me how suddenly something old can become completely new for me again. My commute is short and I usually hang out on 2m when I am mobile. We are so lucky here in Atlanta with our great and extensive repeater networks. But when you go outside the box, get on HF, and get away from repeaters, the *whole world* becomes your playground. You really do not have to purchase a screw driver antenna to do HF on your car. Getting back to my point about old being new, what I recently worked with was an old magnetic mount CB antenna. It has a couple inches clipped off the whip for 10m (and remember, with a Technician Class license you can get on 10m which means you can get started on HF too). I plunked it on top of my car and easily worked PY2OE and YY4DNN while driving. The ease and fun of the new voice contacts re-energized my affinity for amateur radio. If you have never done HF mobile or have not done it recently, I hope you will try it and experience the rush for yourself. It is really exciting and it gets you back to the center of what amateur radio is all about. *[Click on pictures on front page to see articles. (not all pictures have links) Ed.]*



Kyle Albritton—W4KDA

Speaking of having fun on HF, the Georgia QSO party is upcoming on April 13th and 14th. If you do not know what the GA QSO party is, you can learn more at www.georgiaqsoparty.org. This year, GARS is focusing our efforts on several operating stations at just one club location in Gwinnett. No doubt, many GARS members will do their own home, roving, or remote QSO party event (and hopefully they will list GARS as their club affiliation in the logs they report). As a club, we plan to get together on the campus of Georgia Gwinnett College. Check the GARS website www.GARS.org for directions, updates, and times. Everyone is welcome, invited, and encouraged to come out and operate at the club location.

Upcoming in May, we have “Satellites in the Park” again. This year we plan to get more folks on the satellites. Also upcoming in May are the easier, revamped, May Madness contest and the Dacula Memorial Day Parade. But getting back to April, be sure to come out to the April GARS meeting where we will have fun and also have a very informative program on generators.

Wishing you great health, wealth, and may all your contacts be 59,

Kyle, W4KDA

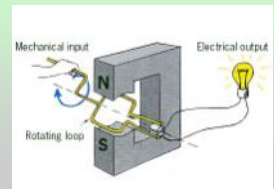


GARS April Meeting

"Generators, how to choose and what to use"

By Carter Bennett, K4CB

Don't ! Miss ! It !



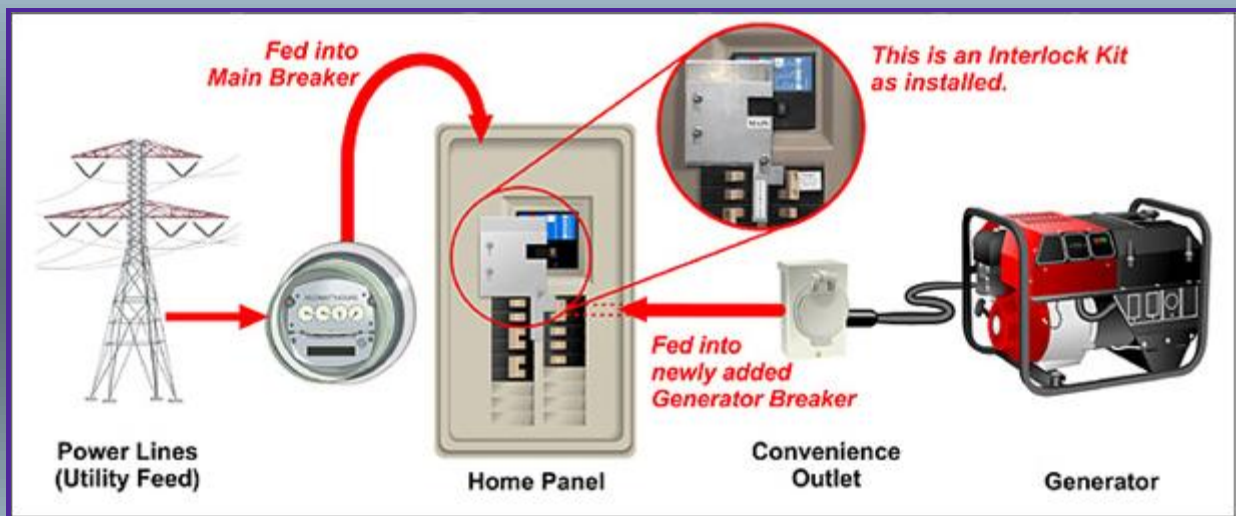
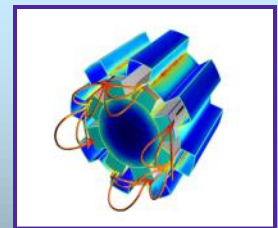
Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm. (except December)

EAA 690 Hangar at Briscoe Field
Sports Aviation Complex - Hangar 1
690 Airport Road
Lawrenceville, GA 30045
[Directions](#)

Generators and Interlock Protection



[Generator Interlock Kits](#)
[Another Interlock Kit Link](#)
[Applied Physics Lab Solution](#)
[How to install a backfeed breaker](#)
[Backfeeding your panel using an interlock](#)



The Georgia QSO Party



Georgia QSO Party's 52nd Anniversary

APRIL 13 - 14, 2013

The party is annually, the second full weekend of April.

There are two operating periods: 1800Z Saturday until 0359Z Sunday and 1400Z to 2359Z on Sunday.

Visit the website for more information about GQP www.georgiasoparty.org

Go to your local club, and let them know about our QSO Party.

Be sure to get on the air in your county.

Take a mobile rover run to your close counties and help us get all 159 counties on the air again!

OBJECTIVE: For amateurs outside of the state of Georgia to make contact with as many Phone and/or CW Georgia stations in as many of the 159 Georgia counties, as possible. Georgia stations work everyone on Phone, CW, or both modes.

The GQP is on 160m, 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m, and 6m.

Want to sponsor Prizes, Plaques, or Awards? Contact plaques@georgiasoparty.org

GQP is sponsored by South East Contest Club, Southeastern DX Club and many more.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 2013 GEORGIA QSO PARTY

NEW INFO

IT'S APRIL 13 AND 14

When: April 13, 2013 2PM-6PM Local & April 14, 2013 12PM-6PM Local

Where: Georgia Gwinnett College on the lawn between Building "B" (tall round building) and the Library.

Parking: North most parking lot, accessed off of Lonnie Harvel Boulevard

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/Yf7xJ>

Who: ALL area radio amateurs are invited. Bring your friends who are interested in amateur radio too!

Come out and have fun operating with us. We plan to have at least two stations on air during the posted times. If we have enough operators we will put on a third station. We will set up some EZ Up type tents and operate from inside the

ARES trailer. There is a fire lane where we can unload right at our site and then we will park near by. GGC will make bathroom facilities available to us. For ARES members, operating at this event counts as a field event toward maintaining your deployable status. For all, it should be a good time. *Make sure to bring your own lawn chair.*

73 and best wishes,

Kyle W4KDA

Georgia QSO Party Website: www.georgiasoparty.org

The Georgia QSO Party



Jamboree on the Air 2013

The BSA has just introduced the Jamboree on the Air patch for 2013. You can download the [jpg and png files](#) from the [JOTA Website](#). **JOTA will be held October 19 and 20 this year.** In addition, we are planning a JOTA Jump Start for Friday evening. You can now get on the air and make some early contacts before the official start at 0000 local time October 19.

Last year, JOTA worldwide participation reached just short of 700,000 Scouts operating from more than 13,500 amateur radio stations, operated by 22,500 amateur radio operators across 142 countries. In the USA we had 18,000+ Scouts on the air from 204 stations. Let's ramp that up even more in 2013.



Operator Rating Strip

After just one week, the first 1,000 amateur radio operator rating strips were sold out. They are now back in stock, so be sure to order yours. You can learn all about the strips and find the ordering information on the [K2BSA website](#).

Square Knot

Check out QST's April Issue on page 76 within the ARRL's Board of Directors Meeting report. They are working on a new Scouting square knot award administered under the BSA's Community Organization Award Program. Operated by the ARRL, the final details of the program are still under development.

Radio Merit Badge Workshop Video

Check out what Scouts think about the recent Radio Merit Badge Workshop conducted at the National Scouting Museum through this [short video](#). It was produced to be aired on [Ham Nation](#), but you get an advance preview!

K2BSA Jamboree

K2BSA will be on the air from the Jamboree in July. Plan to get on the air and make contact. They have an aggressive goal of providing amateur radio demonstrations to at least 4,000 Scouts during the course of the Jamboree. More information will be provided as we get closer to the Jamboree.

First Responder

(continued from March issue)

[We had a glimpse of Jeff's experience here last month, and now for "The Rest of the Story"... Ed]

..... On the way home after breakfast with the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society approximately 10:04am Sat. March 2nd, 2013, I was the first person on the scene of a house fire on Lawrenceville Suwanee Road. As I drove past the burning structure, 3 adults were exiting the residence very distraught. Lots of smoke poured into the street. I stopped; got out; called 911 and went to assist the homeowner. I grabbed 2 fire extinguishers and my fluorescent vest from my SUV. I went to check out the fire but it had already engulfed the car port. I told the homeowner that there was nothing that could be done until the fire department arrived.



The female homeowner had 3 dogs that she had rescued from the burning home. I went back to my SUV, got a leash, and leashed up her dog Tony. Then I took Tony to my car and put him inside where it was warm. I didn't have another leash so the homeowner handled the other 2 dogs.

Gwinnett County FD responded with 8 trucks, numbers 13, 15, 10, 20, Air 21, Med 15, Arson 2, the PIO, and 2 Battalion Chiefs-3 and 4. The FD was on scene at 10:13am. In a matter of minutes the fire was under control. However, the home was a complete loss. I provided comfort and 2 jackets for 2 of the residents who came out of the house without any warm clothing. I assisted the homeowner with her dogs. There were no injuries or loss of human life.



The Gwinnett County Fire Department and Police Department did a fantastic job handling the incident. The firefighters worked quickly and efficiently. They made it look easy. Battalion Chiefs Daniel and Kump brought the incident under control around 10:31 a.m. It was a privilege to watch the experts in action.

AB4HF
Jeff Cutchins-GARS media

On Thursday March 21st, at the Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services Headquarters in Lawrenceville, Jeff (AB4HF) received a "Citizen Recognition" for his actions. I (Editor) tagged along as Jeff's personal photographer and took these pictures. There were many in attendance, and the atmosphere was that of excitement. A number of awards were given to acknowledge special accomplishments within the Department and in addition to Jeff, another man received special recognition for helping *his* neighbor. It was one of the most professional meetings I have experienced in years. All divisions giving reports were well prepared and concise with their information. The pictures on the next page are intended to give you an idea of what it was like;



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FIRST RESPONDER... (Continued from page 6)

....a very special experience!



Chief Bill Myers greets Jeff.



The Chief makes the presentation to Jeff.



The Chief makes a presentation to another citizen.



Another citizen walking back with his plaque & gifts



Fire Fighters and others
receive special recognition.

Congratulations, Jeff!



Chief Bill Myers with Jeff Cutchins, a.k.a. AB4HF

Contesting

Frequently Asked Questions

(new questions this month)

From: http://www.qsl.net/zs1an/contesting_faq.html

Click on each line for answers

[Do I need a beam to enter contests?](#)

[Do I need an antenna farm to enter contests?](#)

[What is a "little pistol"?](#)

[What sort of rig do I need to enter a contest?](#)

[What is "QSK", and do I need it?](#)

[What is the alternative to QSK?](#)

[What is a "fill"?](#)

[I have a limited budget. What should I spend it on?](#)

[How good does my CW have to be to enter a CW contest?](#)

[Why do testers only exchange reports and other numbers, not name and QTH?](#)

[Why are reports in contests always sent as "5NN"?](#)

[What are "cut numbers"?](#)

[What does it mean when I hear a station send "TEST ZS1AN" or "ZS1AN TEST" during a CW contest?](#)

[How should I reply to such a call?](#)

[What sort of reply should I expect, and what does it mean?](#)

[How do I send my report?](#)

[Do I need a beam to enter contests?](#)

[Do I need an antenna farm to enter contests?](#)

CONTEST CALENDAR de ARRL.ORG



April

21

[Rookie Roundup – Phone](#)

June

8-9

[June VHF Contest](#)

15

[Kids Day](#)

22-23

[Field Day](#)

July

13-14

[IARU HF World Championship](#)

August

3-4

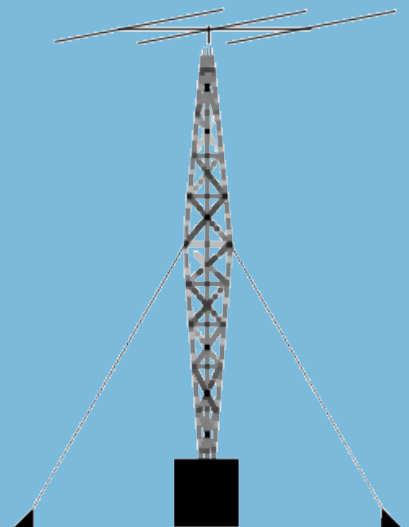
[August UHF Contest](#)

17-18

[10 GHz & Up Contest – Round 1](#)

18

[Rookie Roundup – RTTY](#)



→ Other Contest Calendar: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

NEW

GARS Membership Page

NEW

New GARS Members in February

Roger Gibson (WB4T)
Allison Lynch (KZ3JFY)

New Members: 2

**Total Members as of
April 1, 2013
- 237 -**

Join us for our weekly breakfast gathering at 7:30
AM Most Saturdays at:

Golden Corral
2155 Riverside Parkway
Lawrenceville, GA 30043
([Directions](#))

Also, before our Tuesday meeting you are invited to
join other GARS members and guests dining at:

The Flying Machine (starting about 5:30 PM)
510 Briscoe Blvd. NE
Lawrenceville, GA
([Directions](#))

**The following members are
celebrating birthdays
in April:**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
From All of Us at GARS

Jim Boyd (KJ4YN)
Paul Branson (KA4YZR)
Doris Brown
Charles Burts (K4CHB)
Scott Deitchman (WB8ICQ)
Anna Dominguez (KF4UOC)
David Ellefson (KK4KGL)
Marty Fowler (KE4MLH)
Frederick Fox (KJ4ZAR)
Gabriel Granitz (KK4HGL)
Dozier Griffith (WA4DEO)
Andrea Hartlage (KG4IUM)
Stan McDonald (KI4H)
Collin Pike (KJ4AXB)
Lee Shiry (KK4IUI)
Evelyn Whalen (KE4PLW))

GARS Membership

To become a GARS member, or to renew your GARS membership,
please visit our website - <http://www.gars.org>

To make changes to your GARS membership (moved, new email address, new phone number, etc.),
please email the Membership Chairman - membership@gars.org

You can renew or update your Amateur Radio license information with the FCC at their website for free
- <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>

To update your ARRL information, please visit their website - <http://www.arrl.org>

NET MANAGERS CORNER

Hello Everyone from N4LNE, GARS Net Manager.

I want to thank everyone for taking the time to check in to the nets and I especially wish to thank the NCS and ANCS stations for their time and effort.

Please think about adding your name to the list as NCS or ANCS.

Monday Night Net Stats.

DATE	CHECK INS	NCS	ANCS
03/25/2013	27	Norm WA4ZXV	Phil N4LNE
03/18/2013	27	Phil N4LNE	Kyle W4KDA
03/11/2013	28	Hal W4IGE	Phil N4LNE
03/04/2013	26	John WB4QDX	Phil N4LNE

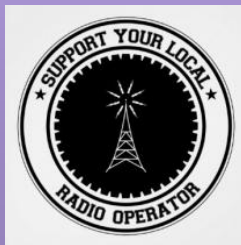
Wednesday Night "Know It All" Net Stats

DATE	CHECK INS	NCS	HOST
03/27/2013	21	Jeff AB4HF	Eddie WD4JEM
03/20/2013	20	Jeff AB4HF	David KA4KKF
03/13/2013	25	Jeff AB4HF	Ray N4GYN
03/06/2013	28	Jeff AB4HF	Norm WA4ZXV

73'

See you on the Nets!

Phil, N4LNE
Net Manager



TOPICS for the "KNOW IT ALL" Net - For April -

April-03	<u>Grounding: Taking it to the next level</u>
April-10	<u>Antennas</u>
April-17	<u>Radios: How do I know what I want?</u>
April-24	<u>Amplifiers: Tubes/solid state FET</u>

Everyone is having great fun on this new net! Come join us and become a "KNOW IT ALL".

TIME: 8:30 every Wednesday evening on the GARS repeater - 147.075, PL 82.5

HAM CRAM Exam Results

Ham exam session results:

11 new Technicians

Thanks to the VE's who made this exam session possible:

- Dave Bruse,	W4DTR (CVE)
- Jeff Cutchins,	AB4HF
- John Davis,	WB4QDX
- Karen Prescott,	KJ4VQI
- Larry Whited,	WB4FGF
- Louis Shulman,	KJ4DRW
- Ralph Pickwick,	KJ4CNC
- Robert Powers,	K4REP
- Robert Sanctuary,	N4YWR
- Sid Weaver,	N4NQ (Co-CVE)

Special thanks to go to Gary Smith, AK4PT, who taught the Ham Cram class!

Thanks & 73,

Dave Bruse (W4DTR)

Technician Ham Cram! Saturday, April 20, 2013 Brandon Hall School, Sandy Springs, GA

Sponsored by the North Fulton Amateur Radio League

Don't miss this opportunity to invite your friends, neighbors, relatives and business associates to join the exciting world of Ham Radio. Encourage them to enroll in this class designed especially for them. A team of experienced, friendly and helpful Hams will guide them through the process of earning their Technician license during four weeks of self-study and a one-day classroom review. Enrollment is limited, so encourage your friends to enroll now at: [NFARL Mart](#)

The \$25 fee includes study materials, refreshments and lunch; *plus* the FCC license examination. Study materials will be sent following registration. The last day of enrollment is Sunday, March 31.

Don't delay - Enroll now and join the fun!!

For further information click [NFARL Ham Cram](#) or contact [Bill K4WSW](#)

UPCOMING HAMFEST CALENDAR

Southeast US

04/27/2013 | [Calhoun / Sugar Valley Hamfest](#)

Location: Sugar Valley, GA (near Calhoun, GA)

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Cherokee Capital Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://www.k4woc.com>

05/11/2013 | [Heart of Georgia Hamfest](#)

Location: Byron, GA (just 13.4 mi beyond Macon, GA)

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Central Georgia ARC, Middle Georgia RA, & Byron Middle School RC

Website: <http://www.heartofgeorgiahamfest.com>

06/01/2013 | [Georgia State Convention \(Atlanta Hamfest\)](#)

Location: Marietta, GA

Type: ARRL Convention **Sponsor:** Atlanta Radio Club (W4DOC)

Website: <http://www.atlantahamfest.com>

06/15/2013 | [DeKalb County ARC Tail-gate](#)

Location: Fort Payne, AL (W. of Rome, GA nr I-59)

Type: ARRL Hamfest

b DeKalb County Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w4gbr.org>

07/20/2013 | [Newton County Radio Club Hamfest](#)

Location: Covington, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Newton County Radio Club

Website: <http://NCRCGA.org>

08/24/2013 | [Southeast ARA's 2nd Annual Hamfest](#)

Location: Swainsboro, GA (165 mi. from L'ville, GA)

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Southeast Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://www.kj4mks.com>

BSA Venture Crew 73 Wants You!

IF YOU are between 14 and 21 years old, enjoy outdoor activities, and have an interest in radio technology,
Venture Crew 73 is for you.

- Venture Crews are part of the Boy Scouts of America.
- *Venture crew 73 is chartered by the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society.*
- Venture crew 73 is coed.
- *Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm, at EAA 690 Hangar at:
 Briscoe Field - Sports Aviation Complex
 Hangar 1, 690 Airport Road
 Lawrenceville, GA 30045*
- Crew 73 is a youth-run organization, which means that our Crew President and other youth plan the Crew's outings and activities each month.

We enjoy:

- ◊ *Camping*
- ◊ *Hiking*
- ◊ *Horseback Riding*
- ◊ *Shooting Sports*

- Crew activities usually mix high adventure and the use of Amateur Radio.
- For more information, attend our next meeting or contact:

Steve Back, WB2OGY

Venture Crew 73 Committee Chairman

Phone: 770-712-9069

Email: committeechair@venturecrew73.org

Jeff Lee, AF4JL

















Venture Crew 73 Advisor

Phone: 678-475-3165

Email: advisor@venturecrew73.org



GARS Officers and Committee Chairs

Kyle Albritton, President	W4KDA	
Earl Whatley, Vice President	AF4FG	
Hal Collier, Secretary	W4IGE	
Ralph Pickwick, Treasurer, Apparel Manager	KJ4CNC	
Sandy Jackson, Program Manager	KJ4DRO	
Dave Bruse, VE Team	W4DTR	
David Adcock, Webmaster, Field Day Chairman	KA4KKF	
Dorothy Jubon, Public Information Officer	N2DLJ	
Norm Schklar, TechFest Chairman	WA4ZXV	
Ray Bailey, GARzette Editor	N4GYN	
Jeff Cutchins Multimedia Chairman	AB4HF	
John Ackermann, W4GR Trustee	N8UR	
Eddie Foust, Repeater Chairman	WD4JEM	
Mike Weathers, WAS-Checker, Historian	ND4V	
Phil McCleary, Net Manager	N4LNE	
Mike Swiderski, Technical Advisor	K4HBI	

GARS Communications

2 Meter Repeater
 147.075(+) MHz
 82.5 PL Tone

APRS
 144.390 -- 1200 Baud
 W4GR

D-Star
 WD4STR
 145.060 + (1.4 MHz)
 440.550 + (5 MHz)

Main Repeater Site
 Oak Street,
 Lawrenceville

2 Meter Repeater
 147.255(+) MHz
 107.2 PL Tone

6 Meter Repeater
 53.110 (-1 MHz)
 82.5 PL Tone

70 Cm Repeaters
 444.525(+) MHz
 82.5 PL Tone
 442.100(+)
 82.5 PL Tone

Backup Repeater Site
 Lanier Mountain,

Ham Radio News

Via ARRL website

[Youth@HamRadio.Fun: New Kid in Town](#)

[Surfin': Got Traffic?](#)

[National Traffic System Developer George Hart, W1NJM \(SK\)](#)

[FCC Grants ARRL's Request for Temporary Waiver for TDMA Systems](#)

[FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski, FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell to Step Down](#)

[Former ARRL Northwestern Division Director Mary Lewis, W7QGP \(SK\)](#)

[Amateur Radio at the National Association of Broadcasters Convention](#)

[Noted Contester and DXer Luis Chartarifsky, XE1L \(SK\)](#)

[Surfin': Microcontrollers -- Small But Mighty](#)

[FCC Reduces Pennsylvania Ham's Fine](#)

[Dayton Hamvention® Announces 2013 Award Winners](#)

GARS Recurring Calendar

- ◆ Monthly club meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm
- ◆ Every Monday at 8pm: GARS Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net on the GARS 2-meter repeater
- ◆ Every Thursday at 9pm: GARS Round Table Net, 2 & 6 Meters
- ◆ Every Saturday at 7:30am: GARS Weekly Family Breakfast, Golden Corral Restaurant, Riverside Drive, Lawrenceville

Meeting Minutes for Feb. 12, 2013

- ◆ Kyle Albritton, W4KDA, GARS President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at the EAA building.
- ◆ Introductions of first time visitors and others present.
- ◆ Program was "Slice of Pi" by Chris Fowler K4FH.
 - Break -
- ◆ Treasurer's Report – Ralph Pickwick, KJ4CNC.
- ◆ Jeff Cutchins, AF4HF, reminded everyone about the "Know It All" net on Wednesday night's at 8:30 pm.
- ◆ Kyle Albritton, W4KDA, discussed interference issues with the 147.075 repeater. He encouraged everyone to help try and pinpoint the interference using a yagi and listening on 147.675.
- ◆ Mike Weathers, ND4V, announced that W4GR is now setup on Logbook of the World.
- ◆ The GA QSO party will be on April 13 and 14 at Georgia Gwinnett College or a local Gwinnett county park.
- ◆ Kyle Albritton, W4KDA, reminded everyone that the Technician Hamcram that will be on March 30th from 8:30am-5pm followed by a testing session at 5pm. Registration is closed but there will be another in July.
- ◆ Field Day will be the 4th weekend in June.
- ◆ Kyle Albritton, W4KDA, reminded everyone that "Satellites in the Park" will be on May 20th at Bogan Park.
- ◆ Earl Whatley, AF4FG, announced that May Madness will start on May 10th and run for 9 days. There will be more information given at the April meeting.
- ◆ Earl Whatley, AF4FG, announced that GARS will help with the Dacula Memorial Day Parade on May 27th from 8am-12pm. We will help marshal the parade. Volunteers are needed.
- ◆ Congratulations to Jeff Cutchins, AB4HF, for earning DXCC for working 100 countries.
- ◆ Eddie Foust, WD4JEM, is looking for a bucket truck so we can cut back tree limbs at the Bogan repeater site.
- ◆ Steve Back, WB2OGY, announced that the Boy Scouts of America has a new Amateur Radio Operator patch.
- ◆ Prize Drawing
- ◆ Program Manager – Sandy Jackson, KJ4DRO, announced: April's program will be "Generators, how to choose and what to use" by Carter Bennett, K4CB.
- ◆ There were 71 attendees at the meeting.
- ◆ Meeting ended at 9:06pm

Hal Collier W4IGE, Secretary

APRIL 2013

A new way to multitask

Chrome Multitask Mode lets you browse the web with multiple cursors at the same time, so you can get more done, faster. Welcome to the ambinavigation revolution.

Chrome Multitask Mode



Glen Murphy
Designer



Try Multitask Mode

google.com/intl/en/chrome/multitask

CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL 2013

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm GARS 2m Net	2 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm GARS Exec Meeting	3 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm GARS Know-It-All-Net	4	5	6 7:30 am - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral on Riverside Drive	7
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Daily

146.760 MHz PL107.2/145.45 Noon Brown Bag Net
146.790 MHz PL110.9 8:00 PM Sassafras Mtn.
3.795 MHz 6:00 PM WX & Skywarn

Sunday

7.275 MHz 9:00 AM Georgia Traders Net
3.975 MHz 5:00 PM Winter PM GA State ARES
146.520 5:00-6:00 PM Emergency Simplex
145.450 7:00 PM Alford Mem. RC Roundtable
147.060+ PL100.0 8:30 PM No. Fulton ARES
146.820- PL146.2 7:30 PM Atlanta Radio Club Net
147.105+ PL100.0 8:30 PM ATL C.A.R.E.S Net
146.700- PL123.0 4:30 PM Jasper Radio Club
50.145 Simplex 9:00 PM Six Meter Net

Monday

145.450- PL107.2 8:00 PM Decatur A.R.E.S. Net
145.470- PL100.0 8:30 PM North Fulton Tech. Net
50.235 USB 8:30 PM Regional Six Meter Net
145.430 - PL107.2 8:00 PM Cherokee ARES
146.880 - PL100.0 8:00 PM Cobb Co. A.R.E.S. NET
147.210+ PL162.2 9:00 PM Rockdale Co. ARES
147.075+ PL 82.5 8:00 PM Gwinnett **G.A.R.S.**
147.075+ PL 82.5 9:00 PM Gwinnett **A.R.E.S.**

Tuesday

146.625- PL123.7 8:00 PM S Fulton ARES
146.895+ PL 77.0 8:00 PM Dallas
147.240+ PL103.5 8:00 PM Bartow Co. ARES
147.150+ PL141.3 8:00 PM Forsyth Co. ARES

Wednesday

145.410 - PL100.0 8:00 PM Chapter 49, QCWA Net
145.150 - PL167.9 8:00 PM GA Tech Stinger Net .
146.670 - PL131.0 8 8:00 PM Hall Co. ARES Net

Thursday

146.955 - PL 77.0 7:00 PM Digital Silver CometARS
146.955 - PL 77.0 8:00 PM, Paulding ARES.
145.270 - PL100.0 8:00 PM, Cherokee Am. Radio Soc.
146.880 - PL100.0 8:30 PM, Kennehoochee ARC Net
147.225+ PL123.0 8:00 PM, NE GA ARC
147.150+ no PL 8:00 PM, Swap Net
147.015- PL100.0 9:00 PM, N GA Disaster Relief Team
147.390+ PL131.8 9:00 PM Thomaston Net

Friday

145.110 - PL 88.5 8:00 PM Douglas Co. ARES
147.015 - PL100.0 6:00 PM N GA Disaster Net
146.76 - PL107.2 Midnight Turnip Truck Net

Saturday

7.275 MHz 9:00 AM GA Traders Net
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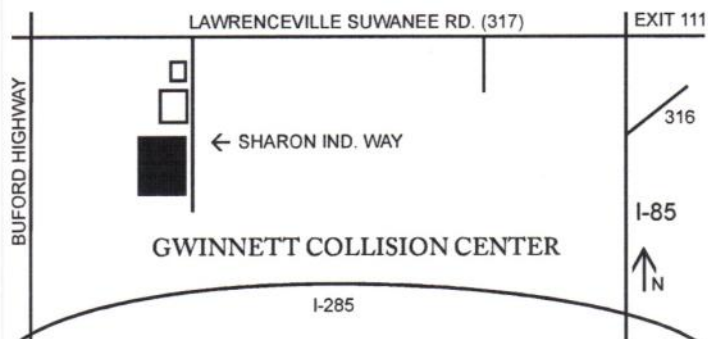
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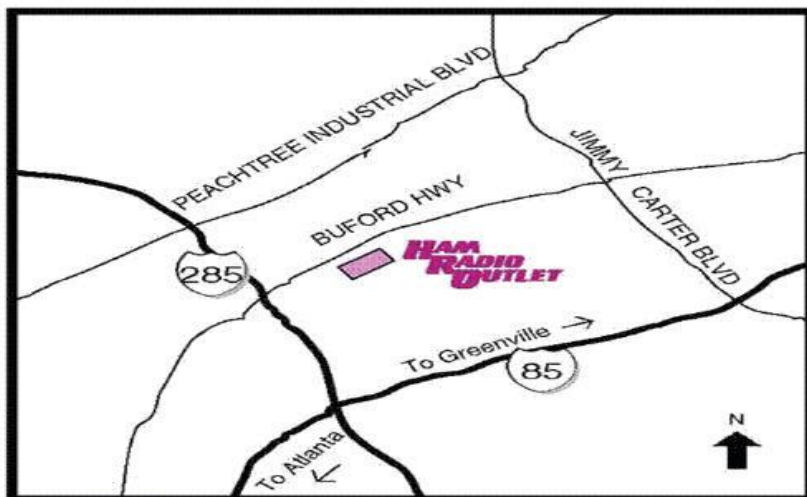
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